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**THIRD GENERATION CALF ROPER** Austin Young tied up his first calf of the LRA Showdown 2019 weekend during Thursday night's performance in St. Paul, where he would also compete in Team Roping with Wyatt Smith of St. Lina later in the evening. More rodeo photos on Page 6. Janice Huser photo

# Council approves Recreation Master Plan

**VICKI BROOKER**
*Review Staff*

The lengthy process of creating the St. Paul – Elk Point Regional Partnership's Regional Recreation Master Plan is finally complete, providing a guiding, strategic document that can help with informed decision making and future collaboration between the partner municipalities of the Town and County of St. Paul, the Town of Elk Point and the Summer Village of Horseshoe Bay when they provide recreational facilities and opportunities.

Elk Point town council took a final look at the document last Monday evening and moved to approve it, with Deputy Mayor Debra McQuinn saying, "They did a good job, they fielded the information very well." All four councils must approve the plan before it takes effect.

The plan is part of the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework required by the modernized Municipal Government Act and reflects key provincial and national recreation strategies, plans and frameworks. These include increasing physical activity and reducing sedentary living, priorities that also include inclusion and access, connecting people and nature, supportive environments and recreation capacity, reflecting the goals of Canada's Parks for All action plan: connection with nature, human health and happiness, a stronger parks network and support for conservation of nature,

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# Education Act changes name of school division

**JANICE HUSER**
*Review Contributor*

While there are plenty of changes that will need to take place for Alberta school divisions to abide by Bill 8, the Education Amendment Act, an update to the Education Act, there is one change that had the local school board considering its options during an Aug. 29 board meeting.

While commonly referred to as St. Paul Education Regional Division No. 1, the school division's name is likely to be changez to "St. Paul School Division."

Nearly every school division will see some type of change to its name, said secretary-treasurer Jean Champagne, when speaking to the board about the change. He noted that while it doesn't necessarily mean the division has to change everything right now with the new name, the division needs to be aware that as some point, those changes will have to be made.

For example, the division's name appears on letterheads, school buses, and signage, among other places. The board also took on a re-branding project last year that saw a new logo designed for the division.

The former Education Act included distinctions between school districts, school divisions and regional divisions. And the different types of school boards had different abilities to amend their ward boundaries, according to a document called "What is Changing?" released by the Government of Alberta, highlighting the changes that came into effect on Sept. 1.

The new Act will remove distinctions between school districts, divisions, and regional divisions.

"All school authorities will be identified as a Public School Division or a Separate School Division. All numbers in school authority names will be removed," reads the document.

Champagne noted that there was some pride in having the number "1" attached to the division's name, since it mean the local school division was the first in the province to regionalize.

Along with the new regulations there is also a Ministerial Order (dated Aug. 15, 2019) that affects the name of St. Paul Education Regional Division No. 1, explained board chair Heather Starosielski, after the meeting. "It is our understanding that the name change allows for boards to have greater flexibility to determine their electoral structure. Alberta Education has indicated that they do not expect boards to incur unreasonable costs associated with the name change."

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# Styrofoam recycling added

**RECYCLING EXPANDED** - Now Elk Point and County of St. Paul residents can recycle styrofoam at the Elk Point Transfer Station, adding to a list that includes cardboard, newspaper and recyclable plastics. Tanks for used oil have also been added to the lineup recently, along with a space to deposit oil containers. Bins for scrap iron and chemical containers, buildings for electronics, paint and paint cans and designated areas for used tires, discarded appliances and compost are on site, as well as a building used to collect vehicle batteries for the 4-H fundraising project.

# Master Plan

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Regionally, the plan lists current recreation opportunities, the benefits recreation provides, key findings and infrastructure priorities determined by surveys of households, community groups questionnaires and stakeholder interviews and student surveys. Top indoor activities were indoor tracks, leisure swimming pools, fitness and wellness facilities, gymnasium spaces and ice arenas, while outdoors, serviced campgrounds, natural areas, hockey rinks, toboggan hills and multi-use trails.

A potential regional approach to recreation infrastructure lists aquatic facilities, regional trails and major performing arts facilities as Regional Class A, with capital and operating funding shared equitably by all four municipalities, while ice arenas, curling rinks, major sports field complexes, field houses, major campgrounds and day use areas, large community halls with over 500 capacity, destination skateboard and BMX facilities and major agricultural grounds and outdoor event facilities were listed as Regional Class B, with funding the responsibility of all but weighted to the municipality where the facility is located. Community parks, smaller community halls, ball diamonds and sports fields, small arts and cultural facilities, youth and seniors centres and libraries wee listed as local, with funding primarily the responsibility of the community where the facility is located, as they are not seen as serving a regional purpose, with the benefit concentrated in that community. Seven service delivery strategies, regional recreation infrastructure strategies for Class A and B facilities, implementation strategies and feasibility triggers are also part of the report.

### Peace Officer poll update

The online poll regarding the possibility of hiring a community peace officer with the ability to issue tickets for bylaw and other infractions now has 243 responses, Coun. Terri Hampson told council, "and some of the comments were really good." Council agreed to defer further discussion until a future meeting after they hear the county's views on the matter, when a decision can be made regarding taking the possibility to a budget meeting.

### Board member

Council approved the appointment of Geoffrey Hoyle as a member of the County of St. Paul and Elk Point FCSS Board.

### Firefighter recognition

Council was advised that recognition of 16 years of service by a Fire Department volunteer will be handled by the Fire Department.

### Iron Horse maintenance

The Iron Horse Trail, owned by MuniCorr, is maintained by the Riverland Recreational Society, which provided council with a breakdown of the cost per municipality of projects and maintenance done over the past three years. Council agreed that they will continue to pay the $504 annual fee.

### Lift station

An unbudgeted expense for piping for the new lift station pumps was brought to council, that cost being $21,821 higher than the $105,231 previously budgeted. It was agreed that this amount could come from the 2018 and 2019 MSI capital funding, with the resulting changes to the revised 2019 and 2020 capital budget and five-year capital plan also approved.

### Post-secondary education

Mayor Lorne Young and council received an invitation from Portage College to meet with the Board of Governors to discuss post-secondary needs in the community. The mayor agreed to attend one of their upcoming meetings.

### MuniCorr golf

Coun. Dwayne Yaremkevich, financial officer Mir Ali and public works superintendent Jay Duffee will represent Elk Point at the MuniCorr Golf Tournament on Sept. 8 in St. Paul.

### Photo radar

Coun. Tim Smereka brought forward the suggestion that if Elk Point does not go ahead with a community peace officer, council could consider the option of photo radar to deal with some of the speeding issues. Administration was directed to check out the possibilities and bring the results back to a future meeting.

### Municipal Affairs

A letter from Minister of Municipal Affairs Kaycee Madu was what Mayor Young called "a good news/bad news story," with gas tax going up and MSI going down, The minister confirmed totals of $597 million in MSI funding and $473 million in Gas Tax Fund (GFT) funding, the latter including a $229.5 million announced by Canada in March of this year.

The interim 2019 MSI capital allocation for Elk Point is $279,052, which includes $201,964 in MSI capital funding and $77,088 in Basic Municipal Transportation Grant funding, while the interim 2019 MSI operating funding is $27,457. The 2019 GTF is $164,077, which is the result of the one-time $$79,586 top up and $84,491 in 2019-20 GTF.

### Pengrowth

Mayor Young received a phone call from Pengrowth CEP Sametz, who would be in the area later last week to meet with MP Shannon Stubbs, and asked to meet with the mayor and CAO of an informal chat. The mayor has another commitment, but CAO Ken Gwozdz and Couns. Hampson and Yaremkevich will meet with him.

### Frog Lake

Coun. Hampson has facilitated a meeting between the Elk Point and Frog Lake councils on Sept. 3 to discuss matters of mutual concern and to foster a better relationship between the communities.

### Grandparents Day

The annual Grandparents Day celebration and walk will be held at Heritage Lodge on Sunday, Sept. 8, starting with the walk at 1:30 p.m. and with refreshments and a program to follow. Council agreed to donate $100 to the event.

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# Starosielski continues as board chair with St. Paul School Division

**JANICE HUSER**
*Review Contributor*

Prior to an Aug. 29 regular board meeting, St. Paul Education Regional Division board members held their annual organizational meeting.

Trustee Heather Starosielski will continue to act as board chair, with trustee Justin Anderson now service as vice-chairperson.

"I am honoured to continue to serve as the board chair for St. Paul School Division. I have the pleasure of working with a strong and supportive board and senior administration team. We are committed to making decisions in the best interest of our students, staff and communities," said Starosielski in a media release sent out Friday.

"I am excited and thankful to have the opportunity and the support of the board trustees to serve as vice-chair for the upcoming school year," said Anderson, in the media release.

The board also includes trustees Ruven Rajoo, Dwight Wiebe, and Lorne Young. The board has two vacancies following the resignation of former trustees Rhonda Lafrance and Deb Pederson, earlier this year.

The board tabled further discussion of vacant wards B and D to the Sept. 11 meeting. The board also appointed trustees to board committees and stakeholder organizations.

### School nutrition

With no provincial budget being announced until later in the fall, the school division has had to make some tough decisions on how to proceed with some of the uncertainties that exist.

The topic of the School Nutrition Program and grant funding that is now unknown was brought up during Superintendent Glen Brodziak's report to the board on Aug. 29. The grant has a price tag of about $335,000 attached to it.

The funds translate to about $33,000 per month that the school division spends on nutrition, which is mostly made up of offering breakfast programs to all of its students.

Brodziak noted that prior to the nutrition grant being put in place, the division had a smaller program in place that made sure students were not left hungry. While the grant allowed for those initiatives to be expanded upon, the division is looking at going back to what used to be offered prior to the grant, for the time being.

"We'll always take care of kids that don't have anything," said Brodziak, adding, the division can't supply the expanded program without funding being in place.

"We will do the best we can with what we have," he added.

"With no provincial budget announced until possibly late fall, the division is concerned that the program will not be fully supported with provincial dollars. Therefore, we will be scaling back our program in all division schools to a level that is closer to the service we offered previous to the grant," confirmed Starosielski. "The program will be re-evaluated once a provincial budget is announced. Our division has had a breakfast program long before the establishment of the nutrition grant and we will continue to take care of individual students as needs arise."

### Ashmont

Work on the exterior of the new Ashmont School has stalled, according to information presented at the Aug. 29 school board meeting.

"The board was notified that the general contractor for the Ashmont Replacement School, United Construction Company, was placed in receivership on June 21. Work continued on the site until we were notified on Aug. 23 by the receiver company of Grant Thornton that work was ceasing until Alberta Infrastructure could provide assurance of payment from Alberta Infrastructure," explained Starosielski, after the board meeting. "It is the board's understanding that the province is working on rectifying this situation as soon as possible. The site works that remain unfinished are primarily all outside including the parking lot and landscaping. The project is managed and funded by Alberta Infrastructure and the board is hopeful it will be completed as soon as possible."

With the first day of school quickly approaching, the division was notifying parents and staff members and bus drivers about the situation and that the state of the parking lot and exterior work around the school would be the same as when classes were out in June.

# For your information...

**VICKI BROOKER**
*Review Staff*

Tonight's the night when you can find out all about what's happening in Elk Point in the coming months, and even sign up for some of the groups and events.

It's Elk Point's annual Community Information Night, sponsored by the County of St. Paul and Elk Point FCSS, and it goes from 6:30 to 8:30 at the Elk Point Arts and Leisure Centre.

That's the right place to find out about all the organizations, services and agencies and all the programs they offer. Last year, around 280 people came out to the event, gathering information on everything from job hunting and classic cars to playschool classes and both junior and adult theatre presentations.

In fact, the Elk Point Theatre Project has just announced their show.... 'Into the Woods Jr.' It's a cockeyed fairytale that comes to life and. features all of your favorite characters — Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood, Jack and his beanstalk and the Witch, retelling the classic Brothers Grimm fables, and Theatre Project members will be on site to tell you how you can get involved in all the fun of putting on a show.

That's just one example of the long lineup of exhibitors who will be on hand to tell Elk Point and district what's coming up. Others include everything from the Elk Point Community Choir, Ukrainian Dance Club and Elk Point Skating Club to the St. Paul Army Cadet Corps, Elk Point Further Education and Jack and Jill Playschool.

There's something for everyone from babies to seniors in the lineup, as well as coffee and doughnuts and prize draws at many of the booths.

We hope we'll see you thee!

# Heinsburg Trail Day supports Haying in the 30s

**VICKI BROOKER**
*Review Staff*

Every year about this time, a long line of wagons, horseback riders, quads, bikes and hikers hits the trail in Heinsburg for the annual Trail Day, a fundraiser for the Haying in the 30s Cancer Support Society.

Marjorie Scott, one of the organizers of the event, says this is the eighth year for the ride, "and there's always room for one more on one of the wagons" for those without their own horse-power.

Participants gather at the Water Tower Campsite on Saturday, Sept. 14, with registration, coffee and muffins from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. The ride leaves Heinsburg at 11:00 a.m., and moseys down Alberta's scenic Iron Horse Trail to Middle Creek for lunch, then makes a leisurely return journey to Heinsburg for a potluck supper, where there is very often some musical entertainment.

Most of the campsites in the area are closed by that time, but not in Heinsburg, where overnight camping is still available at the Water Tower Campsite if you'd like to get there a day early or stay a while longer.

No fees are charged to participate in the ride, but donations to Haying in the 30s are gratefully accepted. For more information, call (780) 943-3148 or email wagonsho@telus.net

# Education Act

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During the meeting, Champagne noted that the board could make a request for a different name to the province. It was pointed out that many school divisions have names that don't necessarily included a community name, such as Aspen View Public School Division, or Northern Lights Public Schools.

Trustee Ruven Rajoo offered the suggestion that perhaps the board would like to considering a more "inclusive" name.

"Do we want to go down that road?" asked Starosielski. While the name change did create a discussion amongst the board and division administration, Starosielski noted it was probably one of the most minor changes in the Education Act.

According to the provincial website that hosts information on the Education Amendment Act, some of the highlighted amendments in Bill 8 are listed. The amendments ensure some of the current rules are carried over to the Education Act to provide certainty to families and educators.

Highlights include:

Age students can access K-12 education, which is up to 19 years old

Compulsory age of attendance is 16 years old

Residency rules based on the custodial parent

Student transportation

Leadership certification implementation

Restriction on charging school fees for specific instructional supplies and materials

Superintendent compensation rules

Standardized age of entry to kindergarten to come into effect Sept. 1, 2020.

Effective 2020, a common age of entry will be introduced for the province where children must be five years old by Dec. 31 of the school year in which they would begin school, according to the provincial information.

### Electoral Wards

In the previous Education Act, the Minister had to approve the electoral ward bylaw of a board. A regional division could not amend its ward boundaries, unless it converted to a school division, according to the provincial document.

The new Act says boards are permitted to determine their own electoral ward structure, and must only inform the Minister of their decision.

"Boards must establish, implement and make publicly available a policy respecting considerations and processes used by a board to determine the wards," reads the document.

"The board has tabled further discussion regarding the vacancies and possible by-election in Wards B and D for the Sept. 11, 2019 meeting," said Starosielski, in an email to the Journal on Friday. "The new Education Act becomes effective on Sept. 1, and as we suspected it is allowing for more board autonomy in regards to a division's ward structures. There are still timelines and processes that are regulated, but we only have to inform the minister on changes as opposed to getting approval. Now that the new regulations are in effect for Sept. 1, we can develop policy and explore options for our ward structure that may affect future elections."


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## Recreation Corner

# Summer, where did you go?

**CRISTIN TCHIR**
*Recreation Coordinator*

That's it folks, summer came, I think… and now its over, just like that. and If you're like me, this is bittersweet.

You've jam packed as many activities as possible into eight short weeks to keep your kids busy and your sanity. We all love our kids, but they need to go back to school! Along with that comes the busy after school schedules, car pooling, pick ups and drop offs, etc. if you're a parent I do not need to elaborate any more on the subject!

Thankfully all you need to do is attend Community Information Night, September 3, from 6:30 to 8:30 to learn about all the different clubs and organizations Elk Point has to offer to keep your kiddos busy after school, and It's not just for kids, there's a lot Elk Point has to offer for us adults too! Maybe you'll even win one of the many prizes - yes, there will be prizes!!

Make sure to stop by the town's booth, come say hi, leave a suggestion, and while you're there, join the Recreation and the Canada Day Committee. See you then!

## Proclamation

# Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Day

*Sept. 9, 2019*

**WHEREAS:** Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) is a diagnostic term that describes the range of effects that can occur in an individual who was prenatally exposed to alcohol" and

**WHEREAS::** Children and adults with FASD in Canada and around the world experience lifelong physical, mental and behavioral difficulties, as well as learning disabilities; and

**WHEREAS::** It has been determined that the incidence of FASD can be reduced when women, their partners, their support networks and their communities are provided with factual information about FASD and empathetic support; and

**WHEREAS:** Caregivers, families, professionals, individuals living with FASD and others around the world will observe the 16th International FASD Awareness Day on Sept. 9, 2019, with a Minute of Re**flection at 9:09 a.m.**

**NOW THEREFORE:** I, Lorne Young, Mayor of Elk Point, on behalf of Elk Point Town Council, do hereby proclaim Sept. 9, 2019 as "Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Day" in Elk Point.

I encourage everyone to act with compassion and understanding toward individuals who have experienced prenatal alcohol exposure and to take both personal and professional responsibility to become better informed about FASD and prevention strategies.

Mayor Lorne Young

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## Way Back When...

# Murphy expansion, ongoing renos, summer horse show

**Here's the news that made the headlines of the Lakeland Review and Elk Point Review for the week of Sept. 3 in...**

**1984**

Murphy Oil Company Ltd. officially opened their newly expanded steam recovery facility 30 km northeast of Elk Point, the expansion including a 50 million BTU per hour steam generator using water hauled from nearby Bluet Lake. Member of Parliament Don Mazankowski shared the federal Progressive Conservative landslide, receiving 32,368 of the total 40,586 votes in the Vegreville constituency.

**1989**

For the second consecutive year, Elk Point Elementary School would open its doors with the sound of hammers and saws accompanying the sound of the school bell, however this year the south wing was ready to accept students and all school operations would be under one roof. Water was the number one concern of town council, after Alberta Environment evaluated the situation and told the town that bringing water from the North Saskatchewan River would require a lengthy approval process and would not be eligible for a Water Supply Assistance Grant.

**1994**

A committee stemming from a long-standing hope to see the numerous sites connected with the 1885 North West Rebellion developed as tourism generators was given its formal mandate at a meeting held in the beautiful new Fishing Lake Community Centre. Charlene Baker and her horse, Seeker's Dollar Girl, Shanna Baker and Serene Liberty Lee, and Lana Graham and Rafferty Raffine took home the High Point awards at the Summer Horse Show.

**1999**

Talent soared at the Forts des Prairies Jamboree, with a number of new performers, including Adele Johnson of St. Lina, the daughter of Allen and Delphine Young of Lindbergh, and her husband Ralph, who teamed up with Harry Hryniw of Two Hills for some memorable music. Marion Ryan, Jamie Schnurer and Jena Hunter rode off with the wins at the Charlene G. Baker Memorial Horse Show.

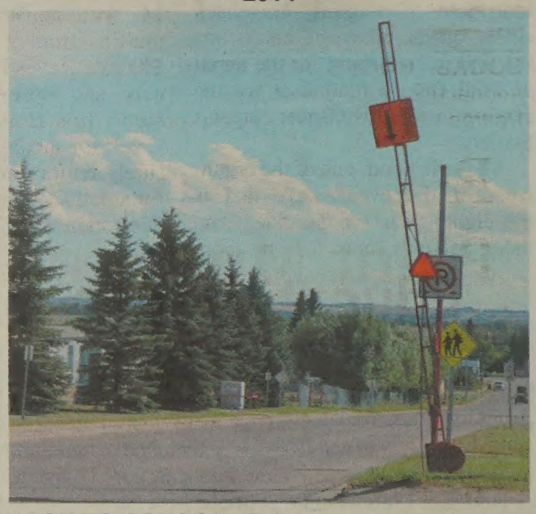
**2004**

The accomplishments of F. G. Miller's Class of 2004 were celebrated at Commencement, with John Braga, who had perfect 100 per cent scores on two departmental exams, leaving the stage balancing a stack of 16 awards and scholarships. A spacious new stage, set midway along the curves of a raised area facing a newly landscaped area that would accommodate a sizeable crowd, provided a perfect performance venue for the Forts des Prairies Jamboree.

**2009**

Heinsburg Community Club marked 50 years of incorporation with a huge celebration, with charter members Alice Gregor, Colleen and 'Babe' Sharkey cutting the anniversary cakes and accepting plaques from County Coun. Glen Ockerman for their ongoing commitment to the club.

**2014**



**BACK TO SCHOOL** - Drivers were asked to pay special attention to crosswalk, 'no parking' and detour signs now that school is back in and traffic to and from Elk Point Elementary School and F. G. Miller High School is increased by the influx of students.

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# Camp Whitney thrives with volunteers and donors

**SANDIE BISHOP**
*Camp Whtiney Volunteer*

Camp Whitney is back on its feet and delighted with a summer of fun, fellowship, and food.

Kids from the Lakeland and beyond found a balance of activities in archery, canoeing, creating crafts, playing games, swimming in the lake, singing, and worshipping.

The camp has been located on the west shore of Whitney Lake for nearly 70 years. Every spring it is used by local schools for camping experiences. For five weeks in the summer, camps are run by the United Church of Canada for children six to 15 years old.

This season, the camp experienced nearly double the 2018 enrollment. In 2017, the gates were closed for the season due to a shortage of counsellors and directors, and much effort has been put into rebuilding.

This year's success is definitely because of fantastic teamwork and community support. Jim Belliveau, the camp board chair, acknowledges that, "it was the community people here on the ground that made this camp happen."

Volunteers from Elk Point, Heinsburg, and surrounding areas freely gave their time cooking and feeding the children. Belliveau enthused: "From the Peterson family alone we not only had enough people to put together the meals (and often assemble the breakfasts the night before), we also found a cook for the last two weeks AND a casual maintenance person."

Camp Director Trish Miller coordinated counsellors, cooks, and volunteers. She oversaw the enthusiastic counselling staff, which consisted of local students and four international university student volunteers (part of AIESEC) who were looking for an opportunity to experience Canadian culture while lending a helping hand.

As well as donations of time and skills, the camp received help from businesses.

On June 4, at all Cornerstone Co-op locations customers were asked if they'd like to donate towards Camp Whitney. Community contributions came to over $2,000, and were put towards the camp's account for groceries. As well, Golden Loaf Bakery in Elk Point frequently donated bread for toast and sandwiches.

An ongoing bottle drive at Laurier Lake has already netted over $400.

The County of St. Paul #19 provided fill and gravel.

While not all volunteers and donors have been named, United Church Camp Whitney is thrilled to have so many friends, and is thankful to all the individuals who supported the camp this summer.

**HAPPY CAMP STAFF AND SUPPORTERS** - left to right, are Cornerstone Co-op Community Engagement Coordinator Heather Macmillan, Shirley Kvill and great grandson, Jim Belliveau, Kayla Kim, Morgan Gordeyko, Trish Miller, Estefany Jimenez , Dharma Perez, Paulina Granados, Nelson Shubert, and Albert Majo. Photo submitted

**BOOKS, BOOKS AND MORE BOOKS** - Elk Point Municipal Library's annual book sale got underway on Thursday, and Donna Bassett and Kolbie Poitras were among the first to browse through the sizeable selection.

# Recycled reading at Elk Point Municipal Library

**ELK POINT LIBRARY**
*Review Contributor*

Donations by the truckloaad were hauled into Elk Point Municipal Library by library board chair Laverne Wilson last week, and he gave the staff a friendly warning that he wants to see them all gone when the sale wraps up at the end of September. "I don't want to haul them all back out of here," he said.

Those were just the donations that had been stockpiled in the library's storage shed prior to the Canada Day Pancake Breakfast and Summer Reading Program.

More boxes had been piling up in the library throughout the summer months as families downsized their collections or prepared for moving.

As a result, this year's Book Sale display has a wide variety of reading material on offer, including the largest ever array of western adventure paperbacks, a genre that is often very sparse in the annual sales. One of the tables in the library entrance is not only totally covered with westerns, most of them from currently popular series, there are four boxes more lined up right underneath as well.

The library has been housecleaning as well, and paperbacks weeded from the collection fill both sides of a large movable rack in the library itself, with more boxes ready to fill the gaps as the sale goes on.

Hardcover fiction and non-fiction, magazines and craft books are also in the sale lineup, as are a good selection of children's books, all at very reasonable prices.

Make sure to come down and gather up your winter reading materials! And remember, Wednesday, Sept. 11 is the first Library Tea of the season!

# It's time to celebrate grandparents!

**VICKI BROOKER**
*Review Staff*

This coming Sunday, Sept. 9, is Grandparents' Day.

Celebrating Grandparents' Day has been a longs tan ding tradition in Elk Point, with the event originally held in the Seniors' Recreation Centre and with a lengthy walk around town, and walk participants bringing in pledges. Some of the pledges at that time went to help grandparents in Africa who were raising their grandchildren after the parents had succumbed to AIDS, while another part went to help with utilities costs for the Seniors' Centre.

Over the years, the walk has become shorter and more senior-friendly, and the location has moved to Heritage Lodge. The pledges still roll in each year, and now support only local needs. The walk's organizers will once again be accepting donation pledge sheets, with the proceeds going to support seniors' activities and the Handi -Bus, which provides free transportation for seniors.

Pledge sheets may be picked up at the County of St. Paul and Elk Point FCSS, Co-op, Guardian Drugs and Home Town Grocers, and participants who raise or donate $100 or more will be entered in a draw for two dinner theatre tickets.

On Sunday, Sept. 8, this year's walk, will be starting off at Heritage Lodge at 1:30 p.m.

Following the walk, everyone will return to the Lodge for coffee, cake, stories, games and live music in a program that the whole family will enjoy.

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# LRA Showdown 2019

Photos by Janice Huser and Vicki Brooker

**LRA PRESIDENT** Cory Dunlop and partner Kale Peterson had the top time in Thursday evening's Team Roping

**FORMER ELK POINT RESIDENT** Billiy Turner, now of Edmonton placed second in Thursday night's Bareback Riding

**RODEO CLOWN** Ricky Ticky Wanchuk and company were up to some new tricks, this one presumably involving a chicken/hose/fish/who-knows-what meat source.

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## HOLLIDAY, Thomas

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Thomas Wilson Holliday, on August 28, 2019, at the age of 84 years, with his family at his side.

Tom was born in Vermilion, Alberta on August 27, 1935. He lost his father in 1939. His mother, with seven kids in tow, moved to the Holliday homestead in 1940. Tom graduated from high school and went to work in Uranium City. In 1956 his mom found two beautiful young nurses for him and his brother John to marry. On June 1, 1957, Tom married the love of his life, Erna Mills. They moved to Calgary but soon returned to Tom's one and only true home - Elk Point. He loved to hunt and fish and taught his son and grandsons the love of tramping the bush tracking deer, moose, and elk. He and Erna bought a lake lot at Muriel Lake in 1964 and it remains a very special place to their family. Their cabin was always the talk of Muriel Beach - polka dots and big orange feet were just two of the unique decorating schemes.

Tom earned an accounting diploma, then went on to achieve his fourth, third, and second class steam engineering certificates so he could provide a better life for his family. He was a loyal employee of the Windsor Salt Company and Elk Point Health Centre. His children learned the value of hard work, further education, and your word and a handshake from their dad. Friends, family, and lately, many health care providers often heard Tom speak of his pride in his kids.

Family, friends, co-workers, and colleagues will tell you that Tom had a sharp, quick wit and a great sense of humour. His home was always filled with laughter. He loved to sing silly songs to his kids and grandkids; they have passed on "Old Mrs. Bliss" and other ditties to their kids. His kids and grandkids teased him right back; one of his grandchildren coined the term "Banana Nose" and it stuck! Many homes have Alberta lady slippers in their yards, thanks to some surreptitious digging. Roberta, Tim, and Audrey cherish many wonderful memories from their childhoods, like hunting for mushrooms, picking saskatoons, shooting partridges, fishing on the banks of Kehewin Lake and Muriel Lake, whistles made from poplar sticks, wild green onions in the spring, and Dad's lunches of beans and wieners or fried bologna. He made the best pancakes, partridge in cream, and fried fish! After his passing we've heard many stories of how he positively impacted others' lives - that would probably come as a surprise to him, but not to his family. He inspired us daily, and never more so than the last six months. He loved and supported his family in any way he could, no matter what. His love was unconditional and without measure.

Even though he had a soft heart and kind hands, Tom was tough! He lived with Crohn's disease for 40 years and never let it get in his way. His last ten years brought more health challenges and he met every one head on. In February 2019 he was airlifted by STARS with a life-threatening infection. He came through two major surgeries in less than 24 hours and we had a big ol' party in his ICU room on Family Day. He got his prosthetic leg in June 2019 and was so proud of learning to walk with it. We are proud of and amazed by his resilience and his persistence.

He will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 62 years, Erna; his children, Roberta (Glen) Stasyk, Tim (Merne) Holliday, and Audrey (Nelson Ostrup) Holliday; grandchildren, Kendra (Tom), Josh (Shannon), Tyler, Jillian (Mike), Kylie (Kyle), Jillian, Caitlin, Teague, Emma, and Tarek; great-grandchildren, Logan, Parker, Ruby, Maggie, Milo, and Sully. He is survived by his sisters, Barb Bonnah and Donna (Larry) Babcock; brother, Rob; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Audrey and Ed Mantik; sister-in-law, Florence Mills; as well as many nieces and nephews and many, many friends.

At Tom's request, there will be no service. Cremation has taken place. A private family Celebration of Life will take place in the fall at the Holliday farm.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to STARS Foundation or the Elk Point Palliative Care Society c/o 5626 - 51 Street, St. Paul, AB T0A 3A1. To send condolences online, please visit www.gracegardensfuneralchapel.com.

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